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HIGHLIGHTS OF LOUISVILLE, KY-IN NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY NOVEMBER 2001

Workers in the Louisville metropolitan area averaged \$17.69 per hour during November 2001, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin reported that white-collar workers averaged \$21.03 per hour and accounted for 50 percent of the workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$16.11 per hour and represented 34 percent of the workforce, while the remainder worked in service occupations and earned \$10.34 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 117 firms representing 232,000 workers in the Louisville metropolitan area, which includes which includes Bullitt, Jefferson, and Oldham Counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, Harrison, and Scott Counties in Indiana. Eighty percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Louisville metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for more than 30 detailed occupations. (See table 1.) Among white-collar workers, registered nurses averaged \$21.23 per hour; clinical laboratory technologists and technicians, \$17.08; and secretaries, \$14.66. Blue-collar occupations included industrial machinery repairers earning \$22.70 per hour, truck drivers at \$15.90, and non-construction laborers at \$9.55. In the service occupations, public service police and detectives averaged \$17.76 per hour; cooks, \$10.07; and nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, \$9.93.

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the Louisville area averaged \$18.09 per hour and part-timers earned \$9.93. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$18.57 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts made \$13.40. Private industry workers at establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$15.68 per hour, while those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$18.55.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an

occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgement, supervision received, and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Louisville, KY-IN National Compensation Survey November 2001 (Bulletin 3110-55). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Atlanta Information Office by calling 404-331-3415. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>. Select survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in Atlanta by dialing 404-331-3403 and requesting document 9485.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Atlanta Information Office at 404-331-3415 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Louisville, KY-IN, November 2001

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$17.69	3.7	\$17.23	4.4	\$19.83	4.6
All excluding sales	17.55	3.6	17.03	4.3	19.85	4.6
White collar	21.03	4.7	20.10	5.9	24.49	4.8
White collar excluding sales	21.03	4.4	19.97	5.6	24.54	4.8
Professional specialty and technical	25.07	3.5	22.72	4.8	28.80	5.0
Professional specialty	27.41	3.1	25.12	4.4	30.25	4.5
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	28.35	5.2	27.59	4.8	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	22.81	6.0	22.83	6.6	22.60	5.5
Registered nurses	21.23	1.7	21.19	1.8	—	—
Teachers, college and university	38.86	8.3	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	33.48	3.5	—	—	33.69	3.5
Elementary school teachers	33.01	2.9	—	—	33.69	2.4
Secondary school teachers	33.82	1.8	—	—	33.82	1.8
Teachers, n.e.c.	31.47	3.9	—	—	31.47	3.9
Vocational and educational counselors	36.27	12.7	—	—	36.27	12.7
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	22.62	13.3	24.14	15.1	—	—
Technical	16.54	5.1	16.91	5.0	14.73	15.0
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	17.08	5.9	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	30.10	8.0	32.20	9.2	23.85	10.7
Executives, administrators, and managers	32.91	8.4	35.17	8.9	25.30	14.1
Financial managers	43.48	14.4	43.48	14.4	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	28.24	14.3	28.24	14.3	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	31.40	7.6	33.86	5.8	—	—
Management related	22.00	5.7	22.52	7.9	20.87	7.4
Sales	21.04	25.8	21.14	25.8	—	—
Supervisors, sales	19.69	15.9	19.69	15.9	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	13.90	3.1	14.03	3.4	12.78	3.6
Secretaries	14.66	4.5	14.76	5.2	14.18	3.5
Records clerks, n.e.c.	15.82	12.3	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	13.52	4.8	13.55	5.1	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	12.99	8.0	—	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance	13.40	10.3	13.40	10.3	—	—
General office clerks	11.18	8.9	11.46	10.4	—	—
Teachers' aides	7.89	6.8	—	—	9.38	2.3
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.75	11.5	—	—	—	—
Blue collar	16.11	4.6	16.21	4.8	13.92	6.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	20.38	4.0	20.52	4.1	17.25	7.8
Industrial machinery repairers	22.70	6.1	22.70	6.1	—	—
Supervisors, production	18.27	7.5	17.84	7.6	—	—
Butchers and meat cutters	10.81	9.4	10.81	9.4	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	15.60	6.8	15.60	6.9	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	15.14	12.9	15.14	12.9	—	—
Assemblers	18.69	9.7	18.69	9.7	—	—
Transportation and material moving	16.61	7.6	16.78	8.1	14.68	8.5
Truck drivers	15.90	6.7	16.00	6.8	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.79	4.6	10.70	5.0	11.53	7.5
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	13.47	22.5	13.47	22.5	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	9.55	5.5	—	—	10.42	6.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Louisville, KY-IN, November 2001 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Service	\$10.34	9.9	\$8.65	15.2	\$12.91	5.5
Protective service	15.34	7.1	—	—	15.74	7.1
Police and detectives, public service	17.76	8.9	—	—	17.76	8.9
Food service	7.07	21.8	6.74	23.9	10.16	6.0
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other food service	9.87	4.7	9.80	5.8	10.16	6.0
Cooks	10.07	2.9	—	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	8.42	12.3	8.42	12.3	—	—
Health service	10.53	5.6	10.69	6.5	9.90	3.6
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	9.93	2.3	9.95	2.9	—	—
Cleaning and building service	11.57	10.2	11.73	19.1	11.43	10.3
Janitors and cleaners	11.25	14.4	12.83	29.0	9.91	6.7
Personal service	9.95	5.6	—	—	10.62	2.2

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, Louisville, KY-IN, November 2001

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$18.09	\$9.93	\$19.27	\$17.05	\$17.47	\$24.75
All excluding sales	17.87	10.22	19.46	16.75	17.59	—
White collar	21.39	13.42	23.90	20.57	20.62	—
White-collar excluding sales	21.17	16.58	25.13	20.37	21.03	—
Professional specialty and technical	25.12	23.54	30.29	23.55	25.07	—
Professional specialty	27.48	—	32.58	25.80	27.41	—
Technical	16.53	—	—	15.87	16.54	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	30.21	—	—	30.07	30.10	—
Sales	24.49	8.59	—	22.78	11.83	—
Administrative support, including clerical	13.96	12.52	17.67	13.36	13.90	—
Blue collar	16.26	9.34	18.57	13.40	16.19	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	20.40	—	21.61	18.47	20.38	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	15.60	—	18.79	11.20	15.70	—
Transportation and material moving	16.65	—	18.90	15.29	16.39	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	11.04	8.47	10.93	10.70	10.89	—
Service	11.00	6.23	13.08	9.67	10.34	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	3.5	12.5	4.1	5.0	3.5	31.6
All excluding sales	3.4	14.8	4.0	4.9	3.6	—
White collar	4.9	12.1	5.5	5.4	4.2	—
White-collar excluding sales	4.5	13.7	5.7	5.1	4.4	—
Professional specialty and technical	3.5	9.7	4.4	4.5	3.5	—
Professional specialty	3.2	—	2.2	4.2	3.1	—
Technical	5.3	—	—	4.1	5.1	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	8.1	—	—	8.1	8.0	—
Sales	28.1	4.5	—	27.0	9.8	—
Administrative support, including clerical	3.1	16.3	5.2	2.7	3.1	—
Blue collar	4.7	10.4	5.4	5.8	4.7	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.0	—	4.6	5.7	4.0	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	6.9	—	6.7	7.2	6.9	—
Transportation and material moving	7.6	—	11.1	6.4	8.4	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4.8	11.1	7.1	5.9	5.1	—
Service	8.3	14.6	7.0	12.0	9.9	—

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³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

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Table 3. Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, Louisville, KY-IN, November 2001

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
All occupations	\$17.23	\$15.68	\$17.85	\$17.38	\$18.55
All excluding sales	17.03	14.47	18.01	17.60	18.58
White collar	20.10	20.08	20.10	21.93	18.38
White-collar excluding sales	19.97	18.00	20.64	23.36	18.43
Professional specialty and technical	22.72	19.09	23.32	25.35	21.93
Professional specialty	25.12	19.23	26.32	28.93	24.58
Technical	16.91	—	16.81	17.97	15.96
Executive, administrative, and managerial	32.20	27.54	34.32	35.30	32.46
Sales	21.14	29.70	13.64	13.65	—
Administrative support, including clerical	14.03	13.91	14.07	15.20	13.31
Blue collar	16.21	13.11	17.53	16.17	20.62
Precision production, craft, and repair	20.52	17.09	21.47	21.26	22.00
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	15.60	11.64	17.40	15.14	—
Transportation and material moving	16.78	—	17.00	14.19	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.70	11.04	10.48	10.61	—
Service	8.65	8.14	8.86	7.34	11.98
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)				
All occupations	4.4	8.3	5.1	7.9	5.5
All excluding sales	4.3	6.2	5.2	8.2	5.6
White collar	5.9	11.4	6.4	8.4	7.1
White-collar excluding sales	5.6	8.1	6.8	8.0	7.3
Professional specialty and technical	4.8	6.8	5.1	6.8	6.5
Professional specialty	4.4	6.7	4.0	2.6	6.2
Technical	5.0	—	5.4	9.2	4.2
Executive, administrative, and managerial	9.2	9.2	11.5	16.2	9.5
Sales	25.8	40.2	12.7	13.5	—
Administrative support, including clerical	3.4	9.2	4.1	6.1	5.9
Blue collar	4.8	8.4	5.1	6.2	8.4
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.1	8.5	4.0	5.1	7.2
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	6.9	12.5	6.8	7.9	—
Transportation and material moving	8.1	—	10.8	9.4	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	5.0	9.0	5.2	6.7	—
Service	15.2	3.3	21.5	31.1	9.8

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